

ARGUMENT FOR PARLEY'S RESERVOIR

Citizens Discuss the Parley's Canyon Plans, Asks For Assistance to Get Into Country.

MEET WITH COUNCILMEN

THE BEST METHOD.

The best method of constructing a reservoir in Parley's canyon on the Youngberg site was discussed for more than three hours last evening at a special meeting of the council. A number of prominent citizens were present by special request and advanced their views. Shortly before 10 o'clock an adjournment was taken, with nothing accomplished, until next Thursday evening, when the subject will be discussed at further length. Among those present at the meeting were Colonel William Nelson, Joseph A. Silver, vice president of the Commercial club; State Engineer A. F. Doremus, City Engineer L. C. Kelsey, Fisher Harris, secretary of the Commercial club; George C. Lambert, J. M. Thomas, W. W. Ritter, Dr. B. B. Young, Angus M. Cannon and John Snell.

The discussions took place before the council as a committee of the whole, with Councilman J. J. Thomas in the chair. When the committee rose it reported progress and asked permission to sit again next Thursday evening, at which time other citizens will be given an opportunity to appear and express their ideas upon the future water question of Salt Lake City.

Two Plans Proposed.

There are two propositions before the city council as regards the construction of a reservoir in Parley's canyon. One is to raise the money by a bond issue, as proposed by a resolution introduced by Councilman J. J. Thomas, and the other is to build it by piece-meal, the funds to be raised by a special mill tax levy, and use a portion of the surplus funds from the city's waterworks department each year until the receptacle is completed, which, it is estimated, will take about three years.

Silver Opposes Bonds.

Mr. Silver was opposed to the issuance of bonds. He said that but little work can be done upon the reservoir this year, and that if any large sum should be voted for the purpose, it would simply lie idle in the banks for months to come before it could be used, and the interest on it would be a needless taxation upon the city. As for the piece-meal plan, he said that it would be a work that could be begun this year without bonds, and that if next year it was found necessary or advisable to issue bonds, they could be voted then.

Nelson For Single Job.

Colonel Nelson was opposed to the letting of the contract for the reservoir by piece-meal. He thought it would be economy to let all the steel work once, and to have the stone and concrete work done as regards the stone and concrete work, he said.

Chairman Thomas put Councilman Vikus in the chair and made an extended speech on his plan for an enlarged waterworks system, which has been reported in these columns before. He was followed by Mr. Ritter, who was the first of the speakers to disagree from the real object of the meeting. His remarks were directed largely to the trouble that the city would be in floating any bonds at this time. He said the market is so tight that the city could not raise any money at this time.

Says Water Is Pure.

Dr. Young took issue with State Engineer Doremus as regards the purity of the Parley's canyon water. He said it is pure and good for every domestic purpose. He opposed the Youngberg site, which would be a mile higher up the stream. The point he had in mind was between gradually sloping hills, which would prevent the precipitation of mountain sides at the proposed site, thus bringing into the reservoir with the water, the mud and debris from the mountain sides at the proposed site. The site he had in mind would permit of the sides of the reservoir being parked and made a beauty spot for the citizens of Salt Lake.

President Cannon thought the Youngberg site an ideal one and advanced the statement that a reservoir constructed at that site would cost the amount of water a reservoir built upon the Young site would. The arguments were brought to a close by Mr. Lambert, who favored the piece-meal plan of the work upon the reservoir. He said it would give the city a better supply and thereby afford more adequate fire protection and force down the insurance rates. For more reasons than one he favored the plan of constructing the reservoir without the issuance of bonds.

SCREAMS FRIGHTEN BURGLAR.

Mrs. A. D. Melvin, who resides at 796 First street, was aroused last night by someone trying to raise a window at her residence. The police were notified, but by the time they reached the place the burglar had escaped. He had climbed a porch in the front of the house and was endeavoring to remove the window screen when discovered. Mrs. Melvin screamed lustily for assistance and frightened the man away.

Bicycle races Salt Palace tonight.

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WIFE CAUSES THE TROUBLE

WELLS AND CLERK JAMES.

Governor H. M. Wells and County Clerk John James yesterday received letters from Chin Chan, the mayor of Chinatown, who is in San Francisco experiencing considerable trouble with the immigration authorities in securing the admission of his wife and 16-month-old daughter. The letters

are 16 months old. My wife and myself were married before the registrar general in Hongkong, and I hold a marriage certificate to show; and I hope you will make out a paper and send to the customs officers at Port Townsend for my wife and child to land without trouble. I shall feel grateful to you for the favor, and as soon as I arrive at the custom house there, I will let you know by telegram.

With kind regards to my friends, yours truly, CHIN CHAN.

Help Asked of Governor Wells.

The letter received by Governor Wells simply informed him that the writer had sent him by the same mail a table cloth and two silk handkerchiefs. It was mailed from Hongkong and was dated May 10.

Just what induced the mayor of Chinatown to land at San Francisco instead of Port Townsend, as he stated he would in his letter to County Clerk John James, is not known. The fact that he was in trouble in the Golden Gate City has been known for several days. Just about the time he arrived in that city a Chinaman called upon Governor Wells. The object of his visit was evidently in regard to the predicament of his mayor, but nothing definite could be learned from him, owing to his inability to speak or understand English. The tone of his remarks was "help trouble" for someone, presumably Chin. The Chinaman left the governor's office saying that he would "perhaps" come again.

County Clerk James said that he would gladly do anything for Chin, but he could not do it until he heard from the "mayor" by wire, as he had been told in the letter that he had sent him. The county clerk said that he had sent him a return visit home armed with innumerable papers showing that he was a reputable citizen of Salt Lake, mayor of Chinatown and was entitled to return to this country at the conclusion of his visit to his old home.

Supply first ordered for Salt Lake will be used for Ogden.

Negro Bruiser Released.

In the municipal court yesterday the negro, Emmett Elliott, who had been arrested for assaulting another negro, Robert Elliott, was released, the presiding judge, Judge H. H. Wilson, together with another young mulatto, who had been held as a witness, were set free. Elliott has considerably improved, being now out of danger from the effects of his beating.

Non-partisan School Election.

A call has been issued for a meeting in seven days to discuss the question of a non-partisan school election in the county which were by recent action of the board of county commissioners. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Laura Ann Tuttle, who died here Monday last, will be held in the council chamber.

Circus Man Dies.

Tom Wilkins, a circus employee, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at the Ogden Hospital from injuries received from one of the elephants which literally beat him to death. The circus was traveling from Evanston to Ogden. The funeral expenses of the dead man, who was a native of Ohio, will be paid by the circus.

To Renew Judgment.

The Ogden Savings bank yesterday filed an action against the state to have the sum of \$1,173.33, the purpose being to prevent a former judgment from being set aside from expiring by statute of limitation.

Ogden Briefs.

D. P. Dignan is to go to Boston about July 1.

Thomas Maloney was a visitor to Brigham City on legal business.

A married license was issued yesterday to Fred L. Barrett, aged 30, of Ogden, and Miss Margaret E. Kelly, aged 22, of North Ogden.

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